

## 'JOHNNY' MAKEUP DELAYS ACTRESS AT STAGE DOOR

It is a fine thing for an audience to applaud a performer from "out front" and pay its compliment to clever impersonation or dramatic ability, but when compliment unconsciously given interferes with things "up stage," it is time to call a halt, according to Miss Primrose Semon, soubrette of the "Hello America" company, at the Gayety, who is telling her friends today how a complete disguise almost kept her from going on with her part when the show was in Baltimore.

Miss Semon affects the appearance of a youth in faultless evening dress in the second act of the show. Feeling hungry between acts when the show was in Baltimore, she ventured across the street from the stage entrance to get a sandwich. She had donned the male attire for the role she was to play.

When she came back, the stage door watchman stopped her.

"No Johnnies inside," he said curtly.

"But I'm Miss Semon," retorted the dainty soubrette.

"Where do you get that stuff?" he asked.

"Sure it's Miss Semon what is the big thing in this show?" Johnnies sure do try strange things

## AIRCRAFT BOARD BILL IS PASSED BY SENATE

The Senate today passed the Shepard bill creating an aircraft board. This board is to supervise the production of aircraft for the army and navy, including the construction of aircraft plants. No contracts will be made, however, without approval of the War and Navy departments.

The board is to be composed of a signal officer of the army, the chief constructor of the navy, and seven civilian members, each of whom is to receive \$7,500 a year.

to put something across. Now get back, or I'll call a cop."

Miss Semon was in a dilemma. The overture had begun. There was only a minute left to get inside.

She stamped her foot. There was no performer near the entrance to whom she could call. The watchman remained firm.

"Sure, and you don't get by me," he said.

An idea came to the actress.

"Will you let me by if I prove to you I'm a girl and not a man?" she asked, hopefully.

The sentinel assented to this, and Miss Semon jerked off the brunette wig. Long rolls of blonde hair fell about her shoulders. The watchman's chair nearly went over backward, so great was his surprise. He let her pass.

Miss Semon has been on the stage eighteen years, ever since she was three years of age. Her parents were vaudeville artists. It was in this field that Miss Semon started. She was in burlesque four years ago. Then followed three years in vaudeville. Now she has returned to burlesque to star. Miss Semon is a native of Cincinnati.

## PHONE OPERATORS AT UNION STATION PUT OUT IN COLD

The Union Station telephone system is out in the cold today.

The roomy quarters formerly occupied by the double switchboard and twelve booths are being turned into an annex to the baggage room, which has been outgrown by Washington's war traffic.

In the meantime the booths have been placed in the concourse. As soon as possible a warmer location will be found for the telephone equipment, but in the meanwhile the two girl operators sit bundled up in their coats.

"This field telephone work is great business for the army," said one of the operators this afternoon, "but it's tough on our working girls."

**RAILROADS TO BOOST LOAN.**

The railroads of the country will co-operate with the Government in giving publicity to the next Liberty loan, according to a statement issued today by Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the Railroads War Board. Posters advertising the new loan will be displayed in waiting rooms and in the railroad shops and other places where employees assemble.

## "SMOKES" GOING "OVER THERE" IN STEADY STREAM

Work of shipping smokes to American soldiers "over there" is being rushed night and day, according to a letter received by The Washington Times Tobacco Fund today from the American Tobacco Company.

Are you rushing contributions to this fund night and day?

Flow Should Be Steady.

As suggested by the Spanish War Veterans, there should be a constant, steady flow of money to this fund to keep up an uninterrupted supply of tobacco for the khaki-clad soldiers in France. There should be no break in this splendid service which the people of Washington can give to our boys in the trenches.

If you are smoking in this patriotic duty, you might give a moment's thought to the case of Miss Grace M. Hurley, of Cherrydale, Va.

**Baby Gives 25 Cents Weekly.**

This young lady is just six weeks old. On the day she was four weeks old she became interested in the movement to send smokes to soldiers and sent in a quarter. She did the same thing when she was five weeks old. Today she is six weeks old and you will find her name among the contributors.

Figuratively and literally, she is the leader of the "infantry" and her example is worthy of emulation. How are you as an smoker?

You could not buy half as much pleasure with a quarter as you could get out of contributing to The Washington Times Tobacco Fund and feeling that you have done an American soldier overseas a good turn, which he will promptly acknowledge with a postal card.

"We hope the boys will enjoy the smokes as much as we enjoyed giving our 'bit'."

**Federal Clerks Give \$16.**

That is the way the men and women in the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice feel about it. They contributed \$10.57 and are going to give some more soon.

"Here's the first check from a new book for a good cause. May it help 'smoke out' the Germans," is the way R. R. Smith feels about it.

A contribution for \$7 was received today from the Thirty-sixth street and Prospect avenue division of the Washington Railway and Electric Company. The subscription list shows that \$4.25 was first collected and the man who passed the hat thought he had it all. Ten more men asked to be allowed to contribute, and the fund was increased to \$6.75. But that wasn't all. Along came J. R. Worthmiller, who flicked "two bits" into the hat and a round \$7 was contributed.

**List Grows Rapidly.**

That's the way it goes. If you start a subscription list it will increase far beyond your dreams. Try it. Adria Hart today promised to send a contribution every week "hoping these smokes will give the boys courage so they may eliminate the man-eating shark, the Kaiser."

**"Two Bit" Gifts**

Send Times' Smoke Fund Up to \$1,945

Contributions thus far made to The Washington Times Tobacco Fund include:

Previously acknowledged \$1,934.25

Dr. R. T. Holden, 3111 Sixteenth street 1.00

R. R. Smith, Tariff Commission 1.00

Adria Hart 50

Grace M. Hurley, Cherrydale, Va. 25

David I. Mincosky, 1425 T street N. W. 25

Samuel I. Mincosky, 1425 T street N. W. 25

Annie B. McDonald, Ripley, Md. 25

E. H. English 25

C. Husband 25

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J. L. Schleuter 25

G. Bremmerman 25

W. F. Smith 25

C. Henderson 25

L. Harding 25

M. C. Mattao 25

E. Terry 25

G. Fillingim 25

J. Port 25

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J. H. Robinson 25

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L. E. Young 25

J. E. R. Shaw 25

R. D. Fairfax 25

J. D. Johnson 25

G. E. Helken 25

P. J. Crenshaw 25

J. Buckley 25

J. R. Worthmiller 25

Total 1,945.00

**ASKS \$95,000 FOR MORE LIGHT ALONG POTOMAC**

The Treasury Department has sent to the House of Representatives a letter from acting Secretary of the Treasury Crosby submitting a supplemental estimate of an appropriation for \$95,000 for aids to navigation in the Potomac river.

The great increase in traffic in the river caused by the war is given as a reason for submitting the estimate now. One fact emphasized is that Secretary Daniels has advised the Department of Commerce that the upper part of the Potomac, from Maryland Point to Washington, is not well lighted. Most of the additional funds asked for are for lights between these points on the Potomac.

## KITCHIN PREDICTS EARLY WAR TAX AGREEMENT

Differences between the Senate and House over the \$2,500,000,000 war tax bill will probably be adjusted quickly.

This is the prediction of Chairman Kitchin, of the House Ways and

## ISHII CONFERS WITH HURLEY ON SHIPPING

Means Committee, who says the prospect for training out the differences between the two houses is good. He subscribes to some of the changes in the bill which were made by the Senate.

The Senate has named its conferees and the House will send the bill to conference today unless there is an unexpected hitch.

Chief differences are on income tax rates, war profits and first and second class mail provisions.

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Viscount Ishii, head of the Japanese mission, is today in conference with Chairman Hurley, of the United States Shipping Board. Japan's plans for her merchant marine, and means of co-operation with the United States in furnishing allied shipping are under discussion.



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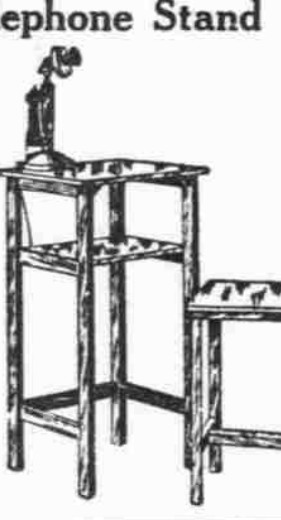


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